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SUBJECT: ORSINI CASE: FRENCH PRESS COVERAGE

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1. THE CONSERVATIVE PARIS NEWSPAPER L'AUREORE ON SEPTEMBER 10 PRINTED ON PAGE 2 AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "TRAP FOR A GODFATHER" WHICH GAVE A SENSATIONAL MINUTELY DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE ARREST AND EXPULSION OF DOMINIQUE ORSINI FROM SENEGAL.

2. LABELING THE ORSINI ARREST AND EXPULSION A "LEGAL KIDNAPPING", THE ARTICLE IS A DETAILED NARRATIVE OF HOW U.S. AUTHORITIES AFTER OBTAINING THE COOPERATION OF THE SENEGALESE IN ARRESTING ORSINI AT DAKAR AIRPORT, THEN SUCCEEDED IN "SHORT CIRCUITING" A SENEGALESE COURT ORDER TO RELEASE ORSINI FROM CUSTODY, EVENTUALLY OBTAINING SENEGALESE COOPERATION IN GETTING HIM ON A PLANE FOR THE UNITED STATES.

3. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY TRANSLATION: THE LEAD PARAGRAPH STATES THAT NEVER BEFORE HAS AN INTERNATIONAL LEGAL CASE RAISED SUCH PASSION, DESCRIBED AS COMPARABLE TO THE DRAMA OF SACCO AND VANZETTI, AND THE KIDNAPPING UNCLASSIFIED

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OF MEHDI BEN BARKA.

4. THERE IS THEN A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORSINI, ESTABLISHING HIS UNDERWORLD CREDENTIALS AND THE EXPIRATION OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS WHICH LED TO HIS DECISION TO RETURN TO FRANCE AFTER TWENTY YEARS ABSENCE TO AVOID PUNISHMENT AS A CONVICTED MURDERER.

5. A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF HIS FLIGHT PLANS FOLLOWS, WITH A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THIS FIT IN WITH AN AMERICAN DESIRE TO GET THEIR HANDS ON ORSINI, WHILE AVOIDING "AT ALL COST" THE DIFFICULTY OF HAVING TO OBTAIN HIS EXTRADITION FROM FRANCE.

6. A COMPARISON OF THE U.S. SOLUTION TO THE ORSINI PROBLEM TO "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE" SETS THE TONE FOR THE REST OF THE ARTICLE.

7. ACCORDING TO THE WRITER SENEGALESE AUTHORITIES RE-ACTED FAVORABLY TO A WASHINGTON INTERPOL REQUEST TO ARREST AND DETAIN ORSINI. A DETAILED ACCOUNT IS GIVEN OF HIS ARREST WITH A DESCRIPTION OF F.B.I. AGENTS LURKING IN THE SHADOWS WATCHING.

8. A LENGTHY BUT BREATHLESS NARRATIVE IS THEN BEGUN OF THE PERIOD BETWEEN ORSINI'S ARREST AND HIS DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK. IT CENTERS AROUND A SENEGALESE LEGAL DECISION TO FREE ORSINI IN RESPONSE TO HIS LAWYER'S REQUEST, AND A REVERSAL OF THAT DECISION TWO HOURS LATER, JUST MINUTES BEFORE HIS RELEASE.

9. THE ARTICLE OPENLY IMPLIES THAT THERE WAS SUSPICIOUS

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ACTIVITY BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE EMBASSY'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, WHICH RESULTED IN A SOMEHOW "ILLEGAL" REVERSAL OF ITS DECISION TO RELEASE ORSINI. IT INCLUDES VERBATIM QUOTES OF CONVERSATION ALLEGEDLY HELD BETWEEN ORSINI'S LAWYER AND THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, FROM WHICH ONE IS LED TO CONCLUDE THAT THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A DEAL BETWEEN AMERICAN AND SENEGALESE OFFICIALS.

10. THERE IS THEN A DESCRIPTION OF A FORCED AIRPORT DEPARTURE, WITH MASSES OF SENEGALESE POLICE PRESENT TO ASSURE THAT NOTHING WENT WRONG. THE ARTICLE DESCRIBES IN DETAIL THAT AMONG THOSE BARRED FROM INTERFERING WITH THE EXPULSION WAS THE FRENCH CONSUL.

11. AFTER NOTING THAT THE SENEGALESE OPPOSITION HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT DECISION ON THE ORSINI CASE TO STIR UP ANTI-SENGHOR SENTIMENT, THE ARTICLE CLOSES WITH A COMMENT ON THE AMERICAN ACTIONS. "IN ORDER TO BREAK THE FRENCH CONNECTION THEY DID WHAT WAS NECESSARY." THE ARTICLE STATES; THEN RECOUNTS AN ALLEGED THREAT BY PRESIDENT NIXON IN 1972 TO SEND "BOMBER FLOTILLA" IN ORDER TO FORCE THE EXTRADITION OF RICORD, ANOTHER "FRENCH CONNECTION", LEADER FROM  
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PARAGUAY. THE LAST SENTENCE REFERRING AMBIGUOUSLY TO EITHER CASE SUMS IT UP WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMENT: "PERHAPS IT WAS NOT VERY LEGAL, BUT, IN ANY CASE, IT WAS EFFICIENT".

12. A FULL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS BY POUCH.  
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